

**§ 700.205 The Chief of Naval Research, The Judge Advocate General, The Deputy Comptroller of the Navy.**

The Chief of Naval Research shall command the Office of Naval Research and assigned shore activities. The Judge Advocate General shall command the Office of the Judge Advocate General and assigned shore activities. The Deputy Comptroller of the Navy shall command the Office of the Comptroller of the Navy and assigned shore activities. Each of them shall be responsible to the Secretary of the Navy or to one of the Civilian Executive Assistants, as assigned, for the utilization of resources by and the operating efficiency of all activities under their respective commands. The duties of the Chief of Naval Research, the Judge Advocate General, and the Comptroller of the Navy will be as provided by law or as assigned by the Secretary.

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**§ 700.206 Authority over organizational matters.**

Subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Navy or guidance hereafter furnished by him, the Civilian Executive Assistants, the Chief of Naval Operations, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, the Chief of Naval Research, the Judge Advocate General, the Deputy Comptroller of the Navy, and the Staff Assistants are individually authorized to organize, assign, and reassign responsibilities within their respective commands or offices in the organization of the Department of the Navy, including the establishment and disestablishment of such component organizations as may be necessary, subject to the following:

(a) The authority to disestablish may not be exercised with respect to any organizational component of the Department established by law.

(b) The Secretary retains the authority to approve the establishment of and disestablishment of shore activities, which will be done in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Secretary.

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**Subpart C—The Chief of Naval Operations**

**§ 700.301 Senior Military Officer of the Department of the Navy.**

(a) The Chief of Naval Operations is the senior military officer of the Department of the Navy, and takes precedence above all other officers of the naval service, except an officer of the naval service who is serving as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

(b) The Chief of Naval Operations is the principal naval adviser to the President and to the Secretary of the Navy on the conduct of war, and the principal naval adviser and naval executive to the Secretary on the conduct of the activities of the Department of the Navy.

(c) The Chief of Naval Operations is the Navy member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and is responsible, in coordination with the Commandant of the Marine Corps, for keeping the Secretary of the Navy fully informed on matters considered or acted upon by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In this capacity, he is responsible, under the President and the Secretary of Defense, for duties external to the Department of the Navy, as prescribed by law.

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**§ 700.302 Succession to duties.**

The Vice Chief of Naval Operations, and then the officers of the Navy, eligible for command at sea, on duty in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations in the order of their seniority, shall, unless otherwise directed by the President, perform the duties of the Chief of Naval Operations during his absence, or disability, or in the event of a temporary vacancy in that office.

**§ 700.303 Specific authority and duties of the Vice Chief of Naval Operations.**

(a) The Vice Chief of Naval Operations has such authority and duties with respect to the Department of the Navy as the Chief of Naval Operations, with the approval of the Secretary of the Navy, may delegate to or prescribe for him. Orders issued by the Vice Chief of Naval Operations in performing such duties have the same